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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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Balance cash on hand, March 1, 1883,	\$2,407.24
Received of John H. Lyford, taxes,	5,810.97
State of New Hampshire, savings-bank tax,	1,203.02
State of New Hampshire, literary money,	127.50
“          “          railroad tax,	200.38
“          “          crow bounties, 1882-'83,	36.70
Merrimack county, on acc't of paupers,	444.51
Langmaid and Rines, for bill overpaid,	14.00
Myron H. Stone, one half cemetery lot,	2.50
E. Osgood, Maple Grove cemetery lots,	19.20
	\$10,266.02

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Paid state treasurer state tax,	\$1,272.00	
county treasurer,	1,430.93	
orders of selectmen, .	5,886.60	
		8,589.53
Balance due town,		\$1,676.49

EDWARD OSGOOD, *Treasurer.*



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STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF CANTERBURY,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Paid as follows :

State treasurer, state tax,	\$1,272.00	
County treasurer, county tax,	1,430.93	
	<hr/>	\$2,702.93

*Miscellaneous Bills.*

Paid Geo. H. H. Silsby & Son, inventory book and stationery,	\$15.34
John James, bal. lighting Canterbury bridge,	6.25
Grover Merrill, overtax in 1882,	1.17
Wm. H. Carter, ag't for G. A. R.,	15.00
Russell Kimball, damage to sleigh,	1.25
S. C. Moore, overtax in 1881,	1.44
James F. French, int. on B. Whidden fund,	8.00
A. S. Bronson, returning births,	1.50
W. A. Bucklin,                   “	.50
James S. Elkins, overtax in 1883,	8.91
Rep. Press Association, printing town reports,	22.00
Sundry persons, bounties,	19.70
A. W. Silsby, for collecting bill of Langmaid & Rines,	1.40
John F. Lake, gate for Hackleboro' cemetery,	3.50
Silsby & Son, order-book and stationery,	2.25



Paid William P. Small, wood for town-house,	\$1.50
Rufus Boynton, overtax in 1882,	1.21
Judith A. Chase, tax on dog, deceased,	1.00
A. H. Brown, glass for office, postage, and stationery,	2.20
A. H. Brown, returning marriages, births, and deaths to state board of health,	6.00
Joseph Carter, school-house tax dist. No. 12,	50.00
David M. Foster, overtax on Dyball estate,	2.00

*Paid by former Selectmen after Report.*

E. E. Graves, med. att. for Eben Glover,	\$30.00
“ reg. births,	1.75
Geo. W. Peverley, examining Canterbury bridge,	2.00
Russell Kimball, ex. on reports,	.40
Rufus Boynton, non-res. highway tax,	11.00
A. J. Dearborn, snowing bridge, 1882 and 1883,	5.00
Charles Glines, pub. watering-tub,	3.00
Jeremiah Smith, work and lumber for bridge,	3.50
Millard F. Emery, ser. as selectmen and overseer poor after report,	7.38
George W. Lake, ser. as selectmen,	2.50
Luther Sargent, 2 sheep killed by dogs,	7.00
Charles H. Ayers, 3 sheep killed by dogs,	6.00
James Chase, 4 sheep killed by dogs,	12.00
Rufus Boynton, 2 sheep killed by dogs,	7.00
Albert Blanchard, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
Geo. F. Blanchard, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	3.50
Juliette E. Lyford, 1 sheep killed by dogs,	3.50

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\$280.65

*Roads and Bridges.*

J. C. Currier, non-res. highway tax,	\$2.25
J. K. Hancock, breaking roads winter 1882-'83,	24.00
John A. Small, “ “	10.05
John C. Weymouth, shovelling snow, 1882,	5.50
Hiram Miles, clay for road,	7.10
Samuel C. Pickard, labor on Saunders bridge,	6.75



Paid Myron C. Foster, non-res. highway tax,	\$7.25
Cyrus G. Brown, shovelling snow,	4.00
Geo. & Wm. Brown, lumber for Saunders bridge,	7.20
David Morrill, plank for Fisk bridge,	7.50
Lowell T. Mason, railing for Hackleboro' bridge,	1.00
“ labor on Hackleboro' bridge,	25.50
Paul H. Jones, “ “	19.45
Charles F. Jones, “ “	8.25
John Glines, “ “	4.50
Paul H. Jones, bridge-stringers on Hackleboro' bridge,	1.50
D. M. Clough, railway highway,	10.50
D. M. Clough, services and expenses as com- mittee on bridge,	5.00
Batchelder & Robinson, plank for Ayers bridge,	6.49
J. G. Clough, labor on highway,	2.50
E. Osgood, non-res. highway tax,	1.00
Francis A. Fisk, non-res. highway tax,	1.65
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	\$168.94

*For the Support of Schools.*

Dist. No. 1. Paid order of Charles Wescott, pruden- tial committee,	\$59.70
1. Ellen M. Snyder, pruden- tial committee,	105.16
2. Charles Peverly, pruden- tial committee,	64.18
3. Charles J. Sargent, pru- dential committee,	100.76
4. Charles F. Adams, pru- dential committee,	136.69
5. George F. Lake, pruden- tial committee,	102.60
6. J. W. Ham, prudential committee,	108.42
7. George P. Morrill, pru- dential committee,	259.76



Dist. No. 8.	Paid order of James S. Kaime, prudential committee.	\$150.33
9.	Walter Mudgett, Loudon,	29.73
10.	Charles N. Clough,	73.59
11.	Louis Colby,	49.48
12.	Jere. Cogswell,	55.86
20.	Concord, A. W. Rolfe,	3.04
7.	Loudon, Asa Bachelder,	13.70
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		\$1,313.00

*Paupers' Account.*

Paid as follows :

William Bland, county,	\$113.50
Nathaniel F. Battis, county,	6.00
Amos C. Bennett, county,	23.65
Mary A. Miller, county,	43.75
Polly Shaw, county,	116.08
Edgar Walker, county,	39.37
Francis Whitcher, county,	39.00
Mrs. William Avery, county,	32.34
George Roberts, county,	25.72
John B. Carter, Jr., county,	24.75
Transient,	8.50
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	\$472.66

*Payment on Notes.*

Paid Mittie C. Emery,	\$356.10
Lydia A. Carter,	96.61
Shepard Phillips,	320.00
J. K. Taylor,	72.84
Tristram Dearborn,	89.18
Sally and Eliza Randall,	650.00
James S. Elkins, F. B. fund,	96.05
Mary E. Cauley,	220.82
Andrew J. Taylor,	550.00
Luther Sargent,	246.56
Fred. W. Ingalls,	206.18
Geo. H. Ingalls,	165.13



Paid Nettie M. Dow,	\$16.60
Walter M. Small,	10.17
Charles F. Adams,	43.76
Joseph M. Foster,	117.85
Almond J. Small,	6.44
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	\$3,264.29

*Water on Highways.*

Paid Joseph Heath,	\$3.00
Charles Glines,	3.00
Edward Osgood,	3.00
Philip C. Clough,	3.00
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	\$12.00

*Town Officers.*

Paid as follows :

Nahum Blanchard, services as moderator,	\$ 1.25
A. S. Bronson, superintending school committee,	50.00
A. H. Brown, services as clerk,	25.00
Edward Osgood, services as treasurer,	25.00
J. G. Clough, selectman,	59.82
George W. Fletcher, “	54.75
Lowell T. Mason, “	44.37
Joseph G. Clough, overseer of the poor,	29.75
John H. Lyford, collector of taxes,	82.62
William H. Carter, auditor,	1.25
Albert B. Clough, “	1.25
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	\$375.06

*Recapitulation.*

Paid for schools,	\$1,313.00
support of paupers,	472.66
water on highways,	12.00
payment on notes,	3,264.29
miscellaneous,	280.65
roads and bridges	168.94
town officers,	375.06
state and county tax,	2,702.93
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	\$8,589.53



FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN MARCH 1,  
1884.

*Notes and Interest.*

Due as follows :

John Glines,	\$241.96	
Joseph Pickard,	75.00	
Mary E. Clough,	203.76	
Mrs. Mary E. Clough,	182.88	
Cora J. Kilton,	256.53	
Charles M. Emery,	364.97	
Judith Peverley,	182.13	
James S. Elkins, F. B. fund,	1,310.42	
Philip C. Clough,	184.98	
Shepard Phillips,	1,061.66	
Sally and Eliza Randall,	1,441.65	
James Elkins,	742.46	
Grover Merrill,	389.38	
Mary E. Heath,	221.06	
Mary A. Glines,	71.09	
Laroy Glines,	27.34	
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	\$6,957.27	
Due school-house tax, district No. 5,	20.00	
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		\$6,977.27
Due from Collector Lyford,	\$1,663.09	
treasurer,	1,676.49	
Stephen Wiggin, on note,	45.25	
David M. Clough, costs in road		
case,	54.57	
William M. Cogswell, for grass		
in cemetery,	5.10	
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		\$3,444.50
Balance against the town,		\$3,532.77
Amount of literary fund,		1,491.66
Held in trust B. Whidden estate,		200.00

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,  
GEORGE W. FLETCHER,  
LOWELL T. MASON,

*Selectmen of Canterbury.*



## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS.

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1884, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. H. CARTER,  
A. B. CLOUGH,  
*Auditors.*

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Committed to the collector, 1881,	\$6,576.16	
“ “ “ 1882,	6,587.37	
“ “ “ 1883,	6,489.35	
Highway tax, 1883,	121.27	
	<u>          </u>	\$19,774.15
Paid as follows :		
1881.		
Paid treasurer, cash,	\$5,575.00	
non-resident receipts and abatements,	90.56	
	<u>          </u>	\$5,665.56
1882.		
Paid treasurer, cash,	\$6,275.00	
non-resident highway receipts and		
abatements,	150.42	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,425.42
1883.		
Paid treasurer, cash,	\$5,810.97	
non-resident highway receipts,	140.25	
highway receipts, 1883,	68.86	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,020.08
Balance,		<u>          </u>
		\$1,663.09

JOHN H. LYFORD, *Collector.*

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,  
GEORGE H. FLETCHER,  
LOWELL T. MASON,  
*Selectmen of Canterbury.*



## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN.

Polls,	\$27,400
Stock and carriages,	61,105
Real estate,	420,197
Stock in trade,	7,400
Stock in corporations,	1,010
Money on hand or at interest,	40,116
Railroad stock and right of way,	27,400
Money in savings-banks,	122,052
Total,	<hr/> \$706,680



# WARRANT.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the town of Canterbury, in the county of Merrimack in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town-house in said Canterbury, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

4th. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay town debts.

5th. To see if the town will vote to expend the sum of one hundred dollars in hardening the road leading from Augustus Gleason's house to Penacook bridge.

6th. To see if the town will vote to adopt an act of the legislature, entitled "An act to amend chapter 55 of the General Laws, in relation to delivering of blank inventories before the 20th day of March."

7th. To see if the town will vote to cancel the execution held against the petitioners for the Pillsbury road, so called.

8th. To see if the town will vote to allow parties to erect horse-sheds upon land belonging to the town, leading from the town-house to J. S. Elkins line.

9th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifteen dollars annually for decoration purposes, until otherwise ordered.



10th. To see if the town will vote to recommend a reduction of the real estate in district No. 10, equal to the amount the grasshopper plague has made it of less value.

11th. To see if the town will vote to pay D. M. Clough the amount with interest that he has paid the town upon land belonging to the town of Boscawen.

12th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine.

Given under our hands and seal this 22d day of February, 1884.

JOSEPH G. CLOUGH,  
GEORGE W. FLETCHER,  
LOWELL T. MASON,

*Selectmen of Canterbury.*



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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### DISTRICT No. 1—*Blanchard*.

Summer term taught by Miss Rose M. Colby. Number of weeks, 10; number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 12; wages per month, including board, \$19.80.

Miss Colby was in her own district. The scholars knew her, and did very well, being orderly and quiet, reciting promptly, showing fair progress.

Fall term, of 7 weeks, taught by Miss Mary A. Keenan, of Concord. Number of pupils, 19; average, 13; wages, \$20. Winter term taught by the same teacher. Number of weeks, 11; number of pupils, 29; average, 20; wages, \$24.80.

Miss Keenan did very well during the short term in the fall with the small scholars, and everything bade fair for a good winter school; but when we visited it near its close, we were disappointed. The interest which manifested itself early in the term seemed lost, and many of the pupils had become careless and uneasy, with very little inclination to study. The discipline, which is so essential to success in our larger schools, was very much wanting, though some of the pupils recited very well, having made some degree of progress.

### DISTRICT No. 2—*Emery*.

Both terms taught by Miss Nellie S. French, of Northfield. Summer term, 6 weeks; number of pupils, 17; average, 12; wages, \$17. Fall term, 7 weeks; number of pupils, 11; average, 9; wages, \$17.

The teacher took considerable pains in interesting and in-



structing her pupils, who seemed to appreciate her labors by becoming interested in their studies, by being orderly, and making considerable progress.

#### DISTRICT No. 3—*Borough.*

Both terms taught by Miss Mabel C. Gage, of Fisherville. Summer term, 9.8 weeks; number of pupils, 7; average, 5; wages, \$20. Fall term, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 8; average, 6; wages, \$18.

Miss Gage is a very competent and experienced teacher, being well adapted to her calling, a thorough instructor, maintains good order, and her school was a success.

#### DISTRICT No. 4—*Baptist.*

Fall term taught by Miss Minnie A. Bachelder, of Chichester. Number of weeks, 10; number of pupils, 8; average, 7; wages, \$26.

Winter term taught by Miss Mattie A. Lake, of Pembroke. Number of weeks, 8; number of pupils, 11; average, 9; wages, \$28.

The services of two good, experienced teachers were secured here. They were very practical and thorough, making their recitations interesting, not confining themselves altogether to the text-books. Many important questions were written out, and their answers looked up, thus affording the scholars an opportunity to gain much useful knowledge. Their memory lessons were an excellent feature, the teacher reading a portion of history, and each of the older pupils writing up all they could remember of it, and then reading it before the school. The order was good.

#### DISTRICT No. 5—*Huckleborough.*

Fall term taught by Miss Clara A. Johnson, of Warner. Number of weeks, 6; number of pupils, 10; average, 8; wages, \$32.

This term was very short. The teacher is a good disciplinarian, and requires considerable of her pupils, but none too



much for their good. The recitations and general improvement were quite satisfactory.

Winter term taught by Seth W. Jones. Number of weeks, 8 ; number of pupils, 11 ; average, 10 ; wages, \$27.31.

This was Mr. Jones's first experience in teaching, and it was a very good beginning. He labored faithfully and earnestly in the school-room. The scholars appreciated his efforts ; all took hold of their tasks willingly ; and the result was a good, orderly, profitable term.

#### DISTRICT No. 6—*Hillsville.*

Summer term taught by Miss Esmeralda L. Metcalf, of Tilton. Number of weeks, 6 ; number of pupils, 17 ; average, 14 ; wages, \$30.

We are unable to speak as favorably of this term as we could wish. A lack of energy on the part of the teacher, with no suitable discipline, was attended by indifference on the part of the scholars, and under these circumstances very little good was accomplished.

Fall term was taught by Miss Lizzie J. Talpey, of York, Me. Number of weeks, 8 ; number of pupils, 21 ; average, 15 ; wages, \$30.

This was Miss Talpey's first school. She displayed considerable tact in managing it. Her labor was not in vain. The results were satisfactory, there being considerable improvement in all the branches taught, and good order prevailed.

#### DISTRICT No. 7—*Center.*

Summer term taught by Miss Minnie F. Gale. Number of weeks, 10 ; number of pupils, 38 ; average, 33 ; wages, \$27.

Fall term taught by Miss May L. Philbrick, of Deerfield, a graduate of the Normal school. Number of weeks, 9 ; number of pupils, 37 ; average, 32 ; wages, \$28.

Winter term taught by Geo. Q. Pattee, of Warner. Number of weeks, 11 ; number of pupils, 51 ; average, 41 ; wages, \$34.

Here we have had three profitable terms of school. The teachers have all labored earnestly for the good of their pupils, and their works have been crowned with success. Most of the



scholars, as well as the parents, appreciated these efforts. Those that did not may look back on their misspent opportunities when it is too late. The order was good.

DISTRICT No. 8—*Shakers*.

Summer term taught by L. Jeannette Forest. Number of weeks, 14; number of pupils, 28; average, 26; wages, \$34.

The teacher spared no effort on her part, and the pupils responded by orderly conduct and good recitations. The most severe punishment inflicted is a gentle reprimand, and the good discipline herein attained is a convincing argument in favor of winning obedience by kindness, instead of enforcing it by physical torture.

N. R. BRIGGS.

Winter term taught by Agnes E. Newton. Number of weeks, 16; number of pupils, 19; average, 15; wages, \$34.

This term has been under the same influence as the summer school, and the scholars have responded nobly. Their examination was a marked success. Fine specimens of drawing and mechanical skill were on exhibition.

DISTRICT No. 9—*Union*.

Reported in Loudon.

DISTRICT No. 10—*Depot*.

One term of 10.8 weeks, taught by Miss Anna E. Sanborn. Number of pupils, 18; average, 15; wages, \$24.

Several large scholars came in from other districts, which helped to make up a fine school. Miss Sanborn labored with her accustomed zeal. Most of the pupils were earnest and faithful, and made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 11—*Upper Intervale*.

Both terms taught by Miss Clara Pickard. Length of summer term, 5 weeks; number of pupils, 6; average, 5; wages, \$16.

Fall term, 7 weeks; number of pupils, 6; average, 5; wages, \$16.



This was Miss Pickard's first school. The children being small, and few in number, she could devote considerable time to each one, so they improved finely, and did well.

DISTRICT No. 12—*Carter*.

One term of 9 weeks, taught by Mrs. Mary A. Cogswell. Number of pupils, 7 ; average, 5 ; wages, \$22.

This is the second year that Mrs. Cogswell has conducted this school with success. There was no lack of energy on her part, and the recitations, order, and general exercises were all good.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

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Pupils who have neither been absent nor tardy.

*District No. 1—Summer.*

Georgia A. Moody,  
Mamie E. Colburn.

*Fall.*

Georgia A. Moody,  
Nellie B. Moody,  
Belle C. Colburn,  
Mamie E. Colburn,  
Alice C. Colburn,  
Sarah A. Colby.

*Winter.*

Georgia A. Moody,  
Nellie B. Moody,  
Lucia A. Scales,  
Joseph H. Scales,  
Freddie Blanchard,  
Frankie Blanchard,  
Sarah A. Colby.

*No. 2—Summer.*

Lena M. Avery,  
Neva Randall.

*No. 3—Summer.*

Stella N. Sargent.

*No. 4—Fall.*

Cora J. Adams.

*Winter.*

Sarah Glines.

*No. 5—Fall.*

Mary S. Jones,  
A. Christia Cass,  
Francis P. Cass,  
John B. Foster,  
George R. Foster,  
W. Everette Whipple.

*Winter.*

George J. Sargent,  
Mary S. Jones.

*No. 6—Summer.*

Belle Glines,  
Joseph W. Pickard,  
Emma F. Pickard.

*No. 7—Summer.*

Fred H. Brown,  
Josie M. Brown,  
Mary P. Brown,  
Victor H. Batchelder,  
Robert S. Cody,  
Richard A. Cody,  
Luther M. Cody,  
Alida M. Cogswell,  
Lizzie F. Houser,  
Emma M. Morrill,  
Annie I. Morrill.

*Fall.*

Robert S. Cody,  
Richard A. Cody,  
Mary E. Emery,  
Josie Emery.

*Winter.*

Joey Morrill,  
Annie Morrill,  
Maud Conant,  
Katie Gleason.

*No. 8—Summer.*

Gertrude Benson,  
Lucy A. Russell,  
Laura M. Cutter,  
Minnie Clark,



Blanche L. Dayton,  
 Nellie Evans,  
 Ruth Hathaway,  
 Lottie Herbert,  
 Celia Havens,  
 Lizzie Horton,  
 Mary E. King,  
 Emma B. King,  
 Ida B. Lackey,  
 Hattie T. Lord,  
 Eda Mansfield,  
 Alena H. Marden,  
 Ellen E. Marden,  
 Maria Merrill,  
 Maude L. Mansir,  
 Helena C. Sarle,  
 Betsey L. Wright,  
 Florence Walker,  
 Jennie White.

*Winter.*

Harrison C. Austin,  
 Ernesto Cheever,  
 Bertie A. Evans,  
 Lambert A. Felton,  
 Charles H. Horton,

Harry B. Havens,  
 Howard Mansir,  
 Randall F. Newman,  
 Albertis E. Newton,  
 Albert A. Sarle,  
 Elma A. Sarle,  
 Forest E. White,  
 Everette D. White.

*No. 10—Winter.*

Herbert L. Brown,  
 Leroy A. Glines,  
 Susie E. Pickard,  
 Clara L. Pickard.

*No. 11—Summer.*

Arthur M. Colby,  
 Evola M. Colby,  
 Susie E. Pickard,  
 Clara L. Pickard.

*Fall.*

Arthur M. Colby,  
 Evola M. Colby,  
 Susie E. Pickard,  
 Clara L. Pickard.

*No. 12—Fall.*

Low F. Fullonton.

*District No. 7—Winter term.*

The following scholars did not whisper during the term:

John Morrill,  
 Luther Cody,  
 Robert Cody,  
 Joey Fontaine,  
 Joey Morrill,  
 Allie Morrill,  
 Louis Morrill,  
 Maud Conant,  
 Josie Emery,  
 Bertha Gale,

Katie Gleason,  
 Cora Kilton,  
 Lillie Morrill,  
 Elmie Morrill,  
 Annie Morrill,  
 Emma Morrill,  
 Abbie Welch,  
 Addie Webb,  
 Helen Fontaine.



## GENERAL REMARKS.

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FELLOW-CITIZENS: In presenting to you this annual report, we have endeavored to do it to the best of our ability. Our schools have generally been quite successful: some have taken a high rank, while a few have not been just what we could reasonably desire. The failure we attribute more to a lack of stability of character and energy on the part of teachers than to any other cause. And here we would like to call the attention of those who propose teaching to the importance of qualifying themselves for the responsible position which they wish to fill. Think of what rests upon you. Little characters are being formed, and larger ones are being developed, while the little child looks up to you for instruction. Impressions are easily fixed upon the little minds, and how very necessary it is that they are right, for if wrong, it may be years before they will become righted, and perhaps *never*. Thus the scholarship of some of our teachers must be raised, or they will have to be dropped from the roll. Also, permit me to call your attention to the following amendment to the law relating to text-books, which passed at the last session of the legislature, and which took effect March 1, 1884. The amendment provides "that in addition to the studies previously named in the law, teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. The school committee may prescribe suitable rules and regulations, &c., provided that physiology and hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced." Our teachers should provide themselves with a broad and liberal stock of information which



they can constantly draw from in the school-room. Children want their ideas aroused, then they become interested, and the lessons that have been such tasks to them are learned with pleasure. Some of our scholars may not realize or know the value or real importance of the school register, and to such we would say that it contains a record of your school days, and is kept for future reference, so that any one, at any time, may see at a glance your conduct, and who the tardy and absent ones were. We are glad that so many will be able to look back on this record with pride, while there will be only a few who will turn from it with shame. These tardy and absent marks, which so much disfigure some of our registers, might easily be remedied by a little effort on the part of a few. We, in common with many other visitors, have admired the nicely kept writing-books, and noted the improvement made in penmanship by many of the scholars. We have also listened to many fine declamations, essays, and select readings, which we have recognized as being of vast importance. We hope parents will encourage these things, as they help to discipline the mind, and give that confidence to the scholar that nothing else will.

Respectfully submitted,

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